

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion and in view of the present amendment, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 15 and 22 are cancelled. Claims 3, 10, 16, 20 and 21 are amended. Claims 3-5, 10-14 and 16-21 are pending in the application.

Entry of Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

The Applicant requests entry of this Rule 116 Response because: the amendments were not earlier presented because the Applicant believed in good faith that the cited references did not disclose the present invention as previously claimed; and the amendment does not significantly alter the scope of the claim and places the application at least into a better form for purposes of appeal.

The Manual of Patent Examining Procedures (M.P.E.P.) sets forth in Section 714.12 that “any amendment that would place the case either in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal may be entered.” Moreover, Section 714.13 sets forth that “the Proposed Amendment should be given sufficient consideration to determine whether the claims are in condition for allowance and/or whether the issues on appeal are simplified.” The M.P.E.P. further articulates that the reason for any non-entry should be explained expressly in the Advisory Action.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 1, 2, 6-16, 18, 19 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 15 and 22 were cancelled. As to the remaining claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

At page 4, paragraph 0020, lines 2-3, the present specification recites that “[t]he side cover 70, which keeps the door hinge 50 combined with the bracket 30...”. Further, as shown in Fig. 3 and discussed at page 3, paragraph 0017, lines 5-7, side cover 70 is formed with the breakaway-prevention part 72, which supports an upper surface of the door hinge 50 to prevent the door hinge 50 from an upward breakaway. As the side cover 70 includes the breakaway-prevention part 72, which is attached to the side cover 70, and the block-free part 74, side cover 70 is clearly adapted to keep the door hinge 50 combined with the bracket 30 during rotation. Accordingly, withdrawal of the § 112, 1st paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, at page 2, claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph as being indefinite. Claims 1, 2, 6-9, 15 and 22 were cancelled. As to the remaining claims, amended independent claims 3, 10, 20 and 21 were amended in light of the Examiner comments, and accordingly, withdrawal of the § 112, 2nd paragraph rejection is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

In the Office Action, at page 3, claims 1, 2, 9, 15, 16 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,025,581 to Kang et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 1,646,644 to Economides. Claims 1, 2, 9, 15 and 22 were cancelled. Claim 16 was amended to depend from claim 10, indicated by the Examiner as being allowable.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants are appreciative of the acknowledgement that claims 3-5 and 17 are allowed, that claims 20 and 21 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112, 2nd paragraph rejections, and that claims 6-8, 10-14, 17-19 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112, 2nd paragraph rejections and to include the limitations of the base claim. Having amended claims 20 and 21, it is respectfully submitted that claims 20 and 21 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 6-8 were cancelled. Claims 11-14 and 17-19 depend either directly or indirectly from amended independent claims 3 and 10, which were amended to overcome the § 112, 2nd paragraph rejections in view of the Examiner's comments.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, the claims 1, 2, 6-9, 15 and 22 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 10, 16, 20 and 21 have been amended. Claims 3-5, 10-14 and 16-21 are pending and under consideration.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

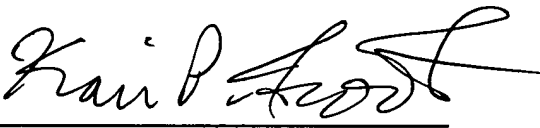
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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